

## ATTACHMENT A

### **2009 - 2012 ANNUAL ACTION PLAN AMENDMENTS Santa Barbara County CDBG Urban County Partnership**

#### **Introduction**

The County of Santa Barbara is the lead agency of the Urban County Partnership, which includes the cities of Buellton, Carpinteria, Lompoc and Solvang. To receive a final reservation of funds, all projects must undergo an application process, staff review, evaluations by review committees, and approval by City Councils and the County Board of Supervisors. The 2009, 2011 and 2012 Annual Action Plan Amendments are subject to approval by the County Board of Supervisors.

The United States Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) awards Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funding annually to the Santa Barbara County Urban County Partnership to develop viable communities and assist low and moderate income persons.

#### **The County of Santa Barbara proposes Substantial Amendment Recommendations only for Unspent Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Funds:**

The purpose of the amendments is to update the CDBG funding allocations proposed in the County's 2009, 2011 and 2012 Annual Action Plans, and to reprogram unspent funds that were reserved for other projects that did not move forward due to unforeseen circumstances. HUD imposes strict expenditure requirements under the CDBG Program regulations. The ability to acquire sufficient funding necessary for development, and the identification of ready projects are necessary to avoid deobligation under CDBG Program expenditure requirements. Therefore, the County may occasionally be required to shift funding commitments from one year to another and/or from one project to another to ensure timely expenditure of funds.

#### **2009, 2011 and 2012 Annual Action Plan Amendments:**

The Board of Supervisors will consider proposed Amendments to the Annual Action Plans during the October 16, 2012 Board hearing. In accordance with the County's Citizen Participation Plan, the Substantial Amendments were required to be available for a 30-day public comment period which began on September 12, 2012 and continued through October 11, 2012. Public comments may also be heard at the Board of Supervisors October 16, 2012 hearing where the Annual Action Plan Amendments will be discussed. HUD defines a substantial amendment to an Annual Action Plan to include the addition of a new project not described in an Annual Action Plan; the deletion of a project described in an Annual Action Plan; a change in the funding amount of a project by 50% or more; a change in the purpose or scope that it would be considered a new project; a change in the location of a project; or a change of 50% or more of beneficiaries.

Specifically, the County proposes amendments to the following Annual Action Plans to re-allocate unspent funds on other eligible projects and/or activities that meet the County's 2010 – 2015 Consolidated Plan and one or more of HUD's National Objectives. This will assist in meeting timely expenditures of CDBG funds as required by HUD and ensure that any unspent CDBG funds are used to meet County's goals and objectives.

- a.* Reprogram \$247,965 in City of Lompoc CDBG funds for the Lompoc Library Renovations project from the 2011 Action Plan and \$121,377 in City of Lompoc CDBG funds for the Lompoc Public Facility project from the 2012 Action Plan into the following projects:

  - i. Library Electrical Improvements - \$31,000
  - ii. Mark House Painting - \$50,000
  - iii. ADA Park Improvements - \$20,000
  - iv. Mobile Home Emergency Repair Grant - \$35,000
  - v. Lompoc Youth Corps Request - \$26,315
  - vi. Civic Auditorium Improvements - \$87,027
  - vii. JM Park Little League Ball Field Renovations - \$120,000
  
- b.* Reprogram \$19,000 in County CDBG funds from the balance of the 2009 North County Home Restoration and Rehabilitation program to: Lompoc Animal Shelter ADA Improvements - \$19,000
- c.* Reprogram \$50,000 in City of Carpinteria 2009 CDBG Action Plan funds from the Chapel Court project to: the Casas de las Flores project-\$50,000.
- d.* Contingent on the final contract award by the General Services Division for the Santa Barbara Veterans Memorial Building Elevator Installation Project which received \$260,000 in County CDBG funds in the 2011 Action Plan, allocate any balance of funds not used for this project to the ADA Sidewalk Improvement project.